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**STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT**  
NOTIFICATION  
The 3rd March, 2022

**Subject: Allotment of Thapen Graphite block in Kalahandi District in favour of OMECL for exploration under rule 67 of MC Rules, 2016.**

No. 1966-AE(MISC)-SM-39-2020/SM.— Whereas, Ministry of Mines, Government of India has notified the Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation (OMECL) as an eligible entity for undertaking prospecting operations under the second provision to sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 vide its notification No-GSR 389 (E), dated the 23rd April, 2018.

And, whereas, the Director (Geology), OMECL vide his letter no. 104/OMECL/2022 dated the 17th February, 2022 has requested the Director of Mines to take steps to notify Thapen Graphite block in Kalahandi District over an area of 511.683 Sq.Km.in its favour for carrying out exploration under NMET funding.

And, whereas the Director of Mines vide his letter no. 1529/DM dated the 21st February, 2022 has provided the map indicating co-ordinates and Toposheet no. of Thapen Graphite block in Kalahandi District over an area of 51.683 Sq.Km.received from the Director (Geology), OMECL and after examining that the proposed area is not covered under any Prospecting Licence or Mining lease, has requested for allotment of the said block under rule-67 of MC Rules, 2016 in favour of OMECL for carrying out exploration up to G2 level of UNFC under NMET funding.

Now, therefore, after careful consideration, the State Government in exercise of the powers consideration, the State Government in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 67 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 do hereby assign Thapen Graphite block in Kalahandi District over an area of 51.683 Sq.Km. to OMECL for carrying out exploration up to G2 level of UNFC for a period of two years under NMET funding.

The block details for carrying out exploration is duly mentioned hereunder.

**Coordinate details of Thapen Graphite block of Kalahandi District.**

Sl. No.	Block Name T.S.No	District	Block Area (in Sq. Km.)	Level of Exploration	Coordinates		
					Block Corner Points	Latitude	Longitude
1	Thapen Graphite Block/ F44x7 (64P/7)	Kalahandi	51.683	G2	1	20°15'00.00"	83°20'00.00"
					2	20°16'17.90"	83°20'00.00"
					3	20°16'17.60"	83°20'42.48"
					4	20°16'48.53"	83°20'42.90"
					5	20°16'48.86"	83°20'00.00"
					6	20°18'24.42"	83°19'59.98"
					7	20°18'24.60"	83°25'00.04"
					8	20°15'00.00"	83°25'00.00"
					9	20°15'00.02"	83°22'09.03"
					10	20°15'51.30"	83°22'10.21"
					11	20°15'51.22"	83°21'27.72"
					12	20°15'00.73"	83°21'28.41"

By Order of the Governor  
 DEORANJAN KUMAR SINGH  
 Principal Secretary to Government